

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD MARCH 23, 2004, 6:15 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: KAREN ZINK, ROBERT BELMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN, PATRICIA HEALY, CHAIRMAN, DANA REINOLDT, AND ROBERT HUNT, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT. THOMAS VILLACRES WAS DELAYED. EDWARD SULLIVAN WAS ABSENT.**

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion: Mr. Hunt**

**Second: Mr. Belman**

**Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 6B and 6C:**

**To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1);  
To discuss possible land acquisition, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (3).**

**Voting in favor of the motion were Ms. Zink, Mr. Belman, Ms. Reinboldt, Mr. Hunt, and Ms. Healy. Motion carried unanimously.**

(Mr. Villacres arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

**7:00 p.m.**

The School Board reconvened into open session. No action was taken.

**Certification of Closed Meeting**

**Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and**

**Whereas, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;**

**Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.**

**Motion: Mr. Hunt**

**Second: Ms. Zink**

**Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Villacres, Ms. Zink, Mr. Belman, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Reinboldt, and Ms. Healy. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MS. ZINK THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION (None)**

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Kathy Everett and Mark Thompson addressed the School Board concerning the walking zones and school dismissal times at Barrett Elementary School. Karen Clore, SEA representative, requested that the School Board fully fund the Superintendent's proposed budget. Eric Woodlaw addressed concerns on SOL testing, and Wendy Serven thanked the School Board for their assistance in requesting the County to provide a water hookup at Hartwood Elementary School.

### **REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

#### **Student Matters - Discipline Committee**

Earlier this evening, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee voted unanimously to:

- \* Uphold the long-term suspension of Student "A" for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year due to vandalizing school property with a flame. The committee authorized Student "A" to apply to attend the Middle School Alternative Education Program;
- \* Uphold the long-term suspension of Student "B" for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year due to distributing a prescription medication to another student. The committee authorized Student "B" to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program and also to attend summer school.
- \* Uphold the long-term suspension of Student "C" for the remainder of the 2003-04 school year due to consuming prescription medications on school grounds which were not his own. The committee authorized Student "C" to apply to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program and also to attend summer school.

- \* Suspend Student "C" 15 days out of school;
- \* Suspend Student "D" the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and authorize the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program; and
- \* Suspend Student "E" the remainder of the 2003-04 school year and authorize the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program.

### **Committee Reports** (None)

### **Comments**

Mr. Villacres encouraged citizens and staff to follow the budget deliberations in Richmond and locally. He stated that he was not in favor of a budget referendum. Ms. Zink extended her thanks to Wendy Serven for her assistance in making the Board of Supervisors aware of the water problems at Hartwood Elementary School. Mr. Belman stated the School Board would be preparing dinner at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter on Thursday. Mr. Belman requested that a preliminary feasibility study be undertaken to explore possible sponsorships for school stadiums and that Marketing students participate if appropriate; that a breakdown of the average costs of operating an elementary, middle, and high school be provided; and requested that a School Board member serve on the Consolidation Committee. Ms. Reinboldt attended the Fine Arts Festival at Brooke Point and noted that it was a tremendous success and showcased wonderful artwork. Ms. Reinboldt also announced that the annual clothing sale at Moncure Elementary School would be held on March 27. Mr. Hunt requested that an agenda item be added for the next School Board meeting concerning the Equal Access Act. He also requested that the School Board consider the budget proposals which he addressed in an Op Ed piece as future Action items. Ms. Healy thanked staff for the very successful Job Fair held at Colonial Forge High School and noted that it was attended by hundreds of applicants.

### **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

#### **Comments**

Dr. Murray encouraged staff and citizens to attend one of several upcoming public budget hearings and offer support for funding of education in Stafford County. She also noted that a press conference will be held on March 24 by members of the Board of Supervisors concerning budget issues.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. VILLACRES AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Overnight Field Trip Requests
- D. Proclamation: Designating School Library Media Month
- E. Horizon's Community Church One Year Extension - Request of Building Contract with Colonial Forge High School

Dr. Murray announced the retirement of Winston Ward, Principal at Gayle Middle School, and Donna Krueger, Principal at Widewater Elementary School.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Award of Contract: Feasibility Study on Potential Property for Northeast Middle School 2006**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,200 FOR FURNISHING FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON THE PARCELS 21-145 (APPROXIMATELY 20 ACRES) AND 22-22 (APPROXIMATELY 35 ACRES) ADJOINING THE WIDEWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Amended VPSA Bond Sale Resolution**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. VILLACRES THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE VPSA FOR THE 2004 SPRING BOND SALE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$8,805,000, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. VILLACRES, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR., HUNT, AND MS. HEALY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **Expansion of Online Surplus Property Auction Program**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MAKE USE OF INTERNET AUCTIONS TO DISPOSE OF ALL SURPLUS PROPERTY AND THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF SCHOOL SURPLUS FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOLS IN THE FORM OF INCREASED SITE ALLOCATIONS. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY; VOTING IN OPPOSITION WAS MR. VILLACRES. BY A VOTE OF 5-1, MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Villacres did not oppose the program but opposed taking action earlier than planned. He felt the Board should take action as indicated, at the April 6 meeting.

**Award of Contract: Mellon Credit Card**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. ZINK THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR CREDIT CARD SERVICES FOR THE SCHOOL DIVISION TO MELLON BANK, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MS. REINBOLDT, MR. HUNT, AND MS. HEALY; VOTING IN OPPOSITION WAS MR. VILLACRES. BY A VOTE OF 5-1, MOTION CARRIED.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.